

Berkshire County Supplementary Regulations

November 8, 2002	Buy Backs for ineligible members and non-members	<p>1. The Berkshire Regional Retirement Board will not accept liability for non-members of the Berkshire Regional Retirement System for buybacks of non-eligible service and/or service in which the non-member had the right to join the retirement system but did not join.</p> <p>2. Buybacks of prior ineligible service by members of the Berkshire Regional Retirement System will be prorated based on 40 hours.</p>
May 16, 2002	Buy Backs	Payments for approved buybacks will be accepted on an annual basis, one payment annually in the month of December, until the buyback is complete.
December 21, 1984	Membership	1. An employee must work a minimum of 20 hours per week to meet the requirements for membership
December 21, 1984	Creditable Service	2. Full time employees to receive 1 year of creditable service for each year employed. Part time employee whose position has always been part time is granted full creditable service. <u>A part time employee who becomes full time has the part time service prorated.</u> Underscored language repealed by regulation approved 3/19/97.
December 21, 1984	Membership Requirement	3. No Group 4 employee who seeks to join the retirement system will be accepted without a complete up-to-date medical and physical report filed as a permanent record with the retirement board. <u>REVISION</u> approved by letter dated March 16, 1993)
December 21, 1984	Membership	4. Police officers and firefighters, if they are employed on a regular basis by a town, even though they may work less than the required twenty hours per week, and are paid with monies appropriated by the town for salaries, shall become members. <u>REPEAL</u> approved by letter dated February 1, 1989.
December 21, 1984	Membership	5. Elected officials who are not members of the retirement system before their election by popular vote do not have to join the system; but may join by applying for membership, in writing, within 90 days after assuming office.
December 21, 1984	Injury Reports	6. All major injuries incurred due to employment must be reported in writing to the retirement board within 90 days of the accident.
December 21, 1984	Public Records	7. The financial and medical records of members of the retirement system are not public records.

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December 21, 1984	Board Staff	8. Board may appoint an Executive Secretary who is to be in full charge of all retirement board employees. Such executive secretary's responsibilities may include, but not be limited to, directing coordinating and supervising the retirement board staff.
December 21, 1984	Board Staff	9. Board staff who are applying for disability retirement allowances shall be precluded from access to such disability application, other than that in which any other applicant would have.
February 13, 1985	By-laws of County Retirement Board Advisory Council	10. By-laws pertaining to name; authority; membership; officers and their election; duties of officers; meeting; parliamentary authority; and amendment to by-laws.
February 1, 1989	Membership	All employees, including police officers and fire fighters, must work 20 hours per week to meet the requirements for membership. (Replaces former rule #4, which was repealed by this same letter).
March 16, 1993	Membership Requirement	All employees including elected officials, requesting membership in the retirement system are required to submit a pre-employment physical examination report which shall be filed as a permanent record with the retirement board. The cost of the physical examination will be the responsibility of the employee. (Revises rule #3 which had been approved December 21, 1984).
February 16, 1996	Buy-Backs	A member will be allowed to make a buyback or repayment of a refund over a period of time, not to exceed 5 years provided, that the member files with the board a formal application form which the board will provide